

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the continuation of the 2021 Regional Hazardous Materials Response (RHMR) training agreement A211006361 Amendment Nos. 2 and 3.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. AUTHORIZE the Chief, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), or designee, to:
 - a. Accept the 2021 RHMR amended agreements for an additional amount of \$225,000, for a revised total of \$475,000 and any increases during the performance period from October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, as granted by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), and to execute any documents or agreements necessary to accept the grant on the City's behalf.
 - b. Expend the remaining funds in an amount up to \$341,078.47 and any additional increases from LAFD Fund No. 100/38, Account No. 1098 Variable Staffing Overtime; Account No. 2130 Travel; Account No. 6010 Office and Administrative; and Account No. 6020 Operating Supplies, for all training and travel expenses incurred in accordance with the RHMR agreement terms from Cal OES.
2. AUTHORIZE the Controller to deposit reimbursement grant funds up to \$341,078.47, and any additional increases from Cal OES, into Fund No. 335/38, Account to be determined.
3. AUTHORIZE the LAFD to:
 - a. Transfer reimbursement grant funds from Fund 335, Department 38, Account TBD to Fund 100/38, Account No. 1098 (Variable Staffing), Account No. 2130 (Travel), Account No. 6020 (Operating Supplies), and Account No. 6010 (Office and Administrative), and Fund No. 100, Account No. 5301 (Reimbursement from Other Funds), upon submission of proper documentation by the LAFD of actual costs incurred from the eligible hazardous materials training courses, subject to the review and approval of the City Administrative Officer (CAO).
 - b. Prepare Controller instructions for any technical adjustments, subject to the approval of the CAO, and authorize the Controller to implement the instructions.
4. NOTE and FILE the November 29, 2023 Board of Fire Commissioners (Board).

Fiscal Impact Statement: The CAO reports that approval of the recommendations contained in the February 7, 2024 CAO report, attached to the Council File, will allow for

the acceptance of the RHMR Standard Agreement amendments in an additional amount of \$225,000, for a revised total program amount of \$475,000, from Cal OES, for a three-year term commencing October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Acceptance of this award will require the LAFD to front-fund expenditures of up to \$341,078.47 in FY 2023-24. Cal OES will reimburse the LAFD a total amount of up to \$341,078.47 and may increase the program budget on an annual basis at a rate to be determined by Cal OES. There is no additional fiscal impact to the LAFD departmental budget.

Financial Policies Statement: The CAO reports that these actions are in compliance with the City's Financial Policies in that all grant funds will be utilized to fund grant activities.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On February 13, 2024, your Committee considered February 7, 2024 CAO and November 29, 2023 Board reports relative the continuation of the 2021 RHMR training agreement A211006361 Amendment Nos. 2 and 3. According to the CAO, on June 27, 2017, a Standard Agreement was executed between the City and Cal OES to implement a hazardous materials (hazmat) training program. The LAFD was required to provide ongoing annual hazmat training to fill in gaps across the State where limited or no response capability existed for Hazardous Materials by Rail (HMBR). The training was required in order for the LAFD to accept one of twelve Cal OES Type II Hazmat Response Vehicles (HMRV) with assigned equipment provided as a result of Assembly Bill (AB) 102, which authorized funding for Regional Response Teams to improve emergency response capabilities throughout California.

The purpose of the ongoing required training is to maintain response capabilities to the Regional Response Team. In addition, there are training requirements for sworn personnel responding with a Type II HMRV. On December 7, 2021, the Board approved a report and its recommendations authorizing the LAFD to accept and expend funds provided in the RHMR Standard Agreement #A211006361 in the amount of up to \$100,000. The funding will reimburse the LAFD for personnel costs for training and exercises which may include overtime and travel expenses for attending.

The performance period for the Agreement covers the period from October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, during which Cal OES will have the ability to increase the program budget on an annual basis, at a rate to be determined by the agency. The first amendment to this agreement, approved during 2022-23, provided an additional \$150,000 for the program. A second amendment, signed by Cal OES on August 31, 2023, includes an additional \$125,000; and a third amendment signed on September 26, 2023, provided an additional \$100,000 for programmatic expenses. The total allocation from Cal OES is currently \$475,000. The LAFD expended \$25,687.50 in FY 2021-22; \$108,234.03 in FY 2022-23; with a remaining balance of \$341,078.47 to be spent in FY 2023-24.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendations contained in the CAO report and to note and file the Board report. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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